

"Values are not just words, values are what we live by" by Senator John Kerry. I believe in values and that values are important. A person's values are portrayed through his or her actions and behaviour. I used to only know the existence of various values and not putting effort in upholding my values. However, through the years, I began to realize the meaning of values.

When I was in Primary School, I always thought that the PCCG lessons and the moral education lessons (CME) were a waste of time. However, I came to realize that without these lessons and also teachings from my parents, I would not have understood the importance of values.

I remembered, the first time I lied to my parents was when I was Primary 2. I wanted to set up a Neopets account to play with so I lied to my parents that one of my subject teachers needed us to set up one to aid in our learning. At that point of time, I did not really think about whether the reason I gave was logical or not. I just wanted to play. Things did not go according to my plans. My mother immediately saw through me and started to ask me questions, trying to make me confess. This was one of the most significant incidents that let me learn about the value, honesty.

Another significant event was when I was in Primary 6. I was introduced to Japanese anime and comics at that time. Thus, I started to be addicted to the computer. Every day, when I reached home, I will switch on the computer and start watching or reading. My mother of course nagged at me every time she saw me on the computer, but I could not care less. With the computer filling the empty time slots of my everyday life, I started to neglect my school work. I rushed out homework at the last minute and projects were filled with low-level work. I was lazy and did not bother to spend much time on my school work and other commitments. As a result, for the first major examination of my Primary 6 year, I scored badly. I finally came to a realization that my relaxation time and my study time were not balanced at all. This was a lesson learnt for me. Values of diligence and being hardworking, also knowing the importance of various matters was involved in the process.

The incidents I mentioned above happened during my primary school life. However, many more incidents happened, allowing me to have a stronger belief in values. Every day that passes, I learn something new. Not only I learn new values, I too, learn how to live by my values better. Values are not something that is easily achievable but it is definitely possible to achieve. I believe in values.